

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

February 26, 1908.

Mr. Foraker introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A BILL

To correct the records and authorize the re-enlistment of certain non-commissioned officers and enlisted men belonging to Companies B, C, and D of the Twenty-fifth United States Infantry who were discharged without honor under Special Orders, Numbered Two hundred and sixty-six, War Department, November ninth, nineteen hundred and six, and the restoration to them of all rights of which they have been deprived on account thereof.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any non-commissioned officer or enlisted man belonging to Company B, C, or D of the Twenty-fifth United States Infantry, discharged without honor under Special Orders, Numbered Two hundred and sixty-six, War Department, dated November ninth, nineteen hundred and six, on account of the shoot affray that occurred at Brownsville, Texas, on the night of August thirteenth-fourteenth, nineteen hundred and six, who shall make oath before any duly authorized enlisting officer of the United States Army or Navy that he did not participate in said affray, and that he does not know of any soldier belonging to any of said companies who did participate in the same, and that he has not at any time heretofore and does not now withhold any knowledge with respect to that occurrence which, if made public, would or might lead to the identification of any participant in said shooting affray or any accessory thereto, either before or after the fact, and that he has answered fully to the best of his knowledge and ability all questions that have been lawfully put to him by his officers or others in connection therewith, shall be, and hereby is, made eligible to re-enlist in the military or naval forces of the United States on his application therefor at any time within three months from and after the passage of this Act, any statute or provision of law or order or regulation to the contrary notwithstanding; and that upon such re-enlistment he shall be allowed full pay, according to the rank he held and the pay he was receiving at the date of discharge, until his re-enlistment: Provided, That all the rights and privileges to which the soldiers re-enlisting under the provisions of this Act were entitled, respectively, at the time of their discharge shall be, and hereby are, fully restored to them, and the record showing their discharge without honor shall be, and hereby is, annulled, set aside, and held for naught, and the time elapsing since their discharge without honor until the date of such re-enlistment shall be computed in determining all rights to which they may be respectively entitled on account of continuous service as though they had been in the service without interruption, and they shall not suffer any forfeiture of any right or privilege by reason of such discharge: Provided further, That in any case where the regular term of enlistment which the soldier was serving at the time when discharged without honor has in the meanwhile expired, his record shall be, and hereby is, corrected so as to show an honorable discharge at the time of the expiration of such enlistment, and he shall be allowed full pay and all rights and privileges until that time; and in the event of the re-enlistment of such soldier under the provisions of this Act his term of re-enlistment shall be deemed to have commenced as of the time when his previous enlistment expired, and his service under such re-enlistment shall be without prejudice of any kind by reason of his former discharge without honor: And provided further, That in case of any of the non-commissioned officers or enlisted men belonging to said companies and discharged without honor shall have died since they were so discharged and before the passage of this Act, but who shall have testified under oath or made affidavit before their death that they did not participate in said shooting affray or have any knowledge with reference thereto, their respective records shall be, and hereby are, corrected in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and their legal representatives shall be entitled to all pay that would become due to them from the time of their discharge until the time of their decease.

Section 2. That nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit the prosecution and punishment of any soldier re-enlisting under the provisions hereof as to whom it may at any time hereafter appear that he did participate in said shooting affray or have knowledge thereof which he has withheld.

Sec. 3. That all re-enlistments under the provisions hereof of soldiers who at the time of their discharge without honor were serving terms of enlistment which have not yet expired shall be held to be for only the remaining portion of said unexpired term.

ATTORNEY COLLINS IGNORED CHAIRMAN BIEBER AND CRANFORD ADOPT LILY WHITE TACTICS.

Attorney George F. Collins, the Collins, the colored member of the Board of Elections, has been completely ignored by Chairman Sidney Bieber and Cranford. Mr. Bieber has had no meeting with a full Board present, from what Attorney Collins stated to a representative of The Bee a few days ago.

The tax of \$350 assessed against each ticket was never discussed by Attorney Collins. There has never



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been any meeting held, although Attorney Collins has requested several. To the surprise of the colored member of the committee a call that had been prepared either by Chairman Bieber or Mr. Cranford, or by both, was sent to Attorney Collins by Chairman Bieber by William Coleman, a messenger in the Fire Department, with a request that Attor-

ney Collins sign it, which Attorney Collins refused to do, but returned it to Chairman Bieber with the admonition that he, Collins, did not intend to have any star chamber proceedings. Chairman Bieber regarded this declaration as an insult, and Attorney Collins was informed that either he or the chairman would have to resign. Attorney Collins told Chairman Bieber that he could suit himself.

The fact of the matter is, remarked Attorney Collins, that \$350 was too much of a taxation upon candidates; that no estimate of costs had been made, and if there were three tickets in the field the total amount that would be deposited would be \$1,050.

The Bee's estimate of expenses is as follows: On the theory that there will be three tickets in the field, and allowing each delegation one judge without cost (certainly, any reputable Republican would serve as judge of election without pay), twenty-two or twenty-four registration booths, two days, would average \$240 dollars. Let each delegation print its own tickets, or if the committee prefers to print them they will cost \$30 for 30,000, three changes allowed in the three sets of tickets. Twenty-four registration books, 35 cents each. Allow each clerk (twenty-four), say one dollar and fifty cents a day, say two days three dollars each, total amount for the entire business would be \$350.40. The Bee's estimate is more than liberal, because there are some booths that can be secured for less than five dollars per day. Why should candidates be assessed \$1,050? What does this look like? This is what Attorney Collins objects to. This is what all Republicans don't like. It is an unnecessary taxation, to which Republicans will not subscribe.

Admitting that each judge is to

OPEN LETTER

To the Republicans of the District:

If there ever was a time for colored Republicans of the District of Columbia to show their manhood, now is the time. The recent platform adopted by the Ohio Republican Convention is like all other platforms that have been adopted by Republican conventions. Colored Republicans will not be fooled any more. If the Administration is sincere in its many declaration, let it reinstate those colored soldiers under the Foraker bill that has been introduced in the Senate by the Senator from Ohio, Mr. Foraker.

The Republican party might as well understand now, that the colored voters of this country do not mean to be fooled any more. Something must be done, and quickly at that. Promises will no longer hold the colored voters in line. There are some Republicans who have declared that Senator Foraker cannot

What I Saw And Heard

The local politician is the amusing individual now. He is seen upon every corner, and is seen at the door of every candidate.

The Blaine Invincibles have decided to select another candidate because Bob Keys of Maryland has been selected to manage the Horner-Flathers campaign.

The Administration ticket is on the eve of a breakdown.

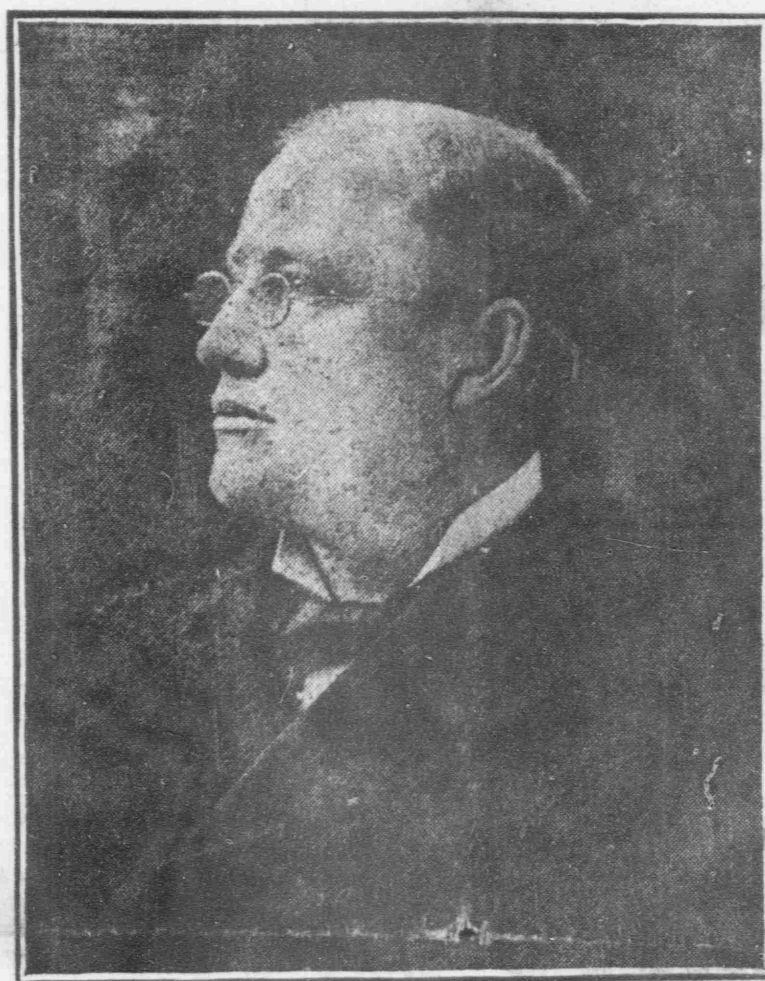
My friend, Attorney L. M. King, declares that he will soon launch his ticket. Who his running mates are I am unable to state.

Dr. Wilder is in a lost cause, and just where to go he does not know.

It is about time for the colored Democrat to come out from under cover. If Bryan should win the colored brother will be numerous.

The Independent League will put its own ticket in the field.

The colored Republicans in Ohio are divided. Many of them are on



HON. WALTER L. SMITH, OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.

be nominated. Suppose he cannot? Is this any argument against the loyalty and gratitude of colored Republicans whose cause he has championed? By no means. Senator Foraker has sacrificed everything for the colored man, and if there is but one vote that is in the possession of a colored delegate he should cast that vote for the man who has defended the rights of the colored soldiers.

Gratitude is the keynote of this campaign which should be found in the hearts of every colored American.

Nothing is to be expected from the colored officeholder. He should remain silent and hold his job and allow others who are not candidates for office to defend the rights of colored Americans. This is the time for colored men to show the Administration that they will for once show to the world their manhood.

The President said that those colored soldiers are guilty. The investigation showed that the President's contention is not borne out by facts. If fifteen men are attacked by a mob and one of the mob is killed by some one man of the fifteen, without positive evidence must the entire fifteen be convicted of murder? Admitting that the killing was not justified, suppose the guilty party is discovered, should be adjudged guilty without trial? Certainly the Attorney General will not say yes. Take every department of the Government in which colored Americans are employed, is it right and proper that they should be "Jim Crowed"? These wrongs should be righted, and the discrimination in the several departments of the Government should be eradicated.

Let something be done.

The Editor, be paid, allowing \$2 per day, seventy-two judges for two days would amount to \$288, which added to the \$350.40 would total \$638.40 at the highest. But why this unnecessary expense? This whole matter will be laid before the National Committee.

the Taft band wagon.

My friend, Fred Moore, of the New York Age, was not permitted to speak at the love-feast last week. Fred wanted to attack Senator Foraker, but he was not permitted. Fred returned to New York a wiser and a better man.

Register Vernon was royally received in New York last week. By the way, I understand that Register Vernon is slated to second the nomination of Secretary Taft. I wonder if the report is true. Certainly this cannot be so. I shall wait for developments.

The local statesmen have decided to work for the coin. Unless that article is forthwith coming the boys will not work.

My genial friend, Attorney P. W. Frisby, is doing great business. He has as much as he can do. Well, he is a hustler.

Mr. M. C. Field is still handling the race problem. Just what my friends will do with it I am unable to state.

The Dolliver bill will die a natural death. Mr. Dolliver has caused a great deal of anxiety by introducing that bill in the Senate.

There was a lively time in West Washington last week. One ticket was nearly captured by the Administration forces.

ROUNDER.

OUR IOWA CONGRESSMAN FROM THE NINTH DISTRICT.

The Hon. Walter L. Smith, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, whose cut and biography appear in this week's issue, is serving his fourth term in Congress. Judge Smith, as he is familiarly known among his friends, is one of the most popular members in the Iowa delegation, and has a host of friends among the members of the Sixtieth Congress, both Republican and Democrat, on account of his kind and genial disposition. He is always surrounded by a crowd of friends when he is telling a good story.

You will always find him in his

committee room hard at work when not on the floor of the House. He is a ready debater, and when he takes the floor he receives the greatest attention from both Democrats and Republican, and the galleries are always crowded when it is known that Judge Smith of Iowa is going to address the House. Judge Smith is a member of the Committee on Appropriation, one of the most important committees of the House, and he is working his way up the line on this committee and stands the third member of the committee.

The voters of the Ninth Congressional District of Iowa should feel proud to have such an able representative in Congress as Judge Smith. The Ninth District has not had such a brilliant Representative in Congress since the death of the late Congressman W. J. Sapp, and The Bee feels safe in saying that it will only be a matter of time when Judge Smith will come to the United States Senate.

ATTORNEY SCOTT TURNS THE MEETING.

There were fully one thousand Republicans attended a Republican meeting in Fisherman's Hall, South Washington, Monday night. The meeting was worked up by Aaron and Lem Bradshaw and others in the interest of the Horner and Flathers ticket. Addresses were delivered by Sidney Bieber, chairman of the Election Board; Attorney R. R. Horner, E. M. Hewlett, and others.

Seated in the rear of the hall was Attorney Armond W. Scott, of the



ATTORNEY A. W. SCOTT.

local bar. Several Republicans in the hall who knew Attorney Scott insisted that he make a speech. He was carried deliberately upon the shoulders of several Republicans to the platform and requested to speak. Attorney Scott received the greatest ovation of any speaker. Candidates Horner and Chairman Bieber not excepted. Attorney Scott said that he knew Mr. Horner, and had nothing to say against him. After paying a high tribute to Senator Foraker and what he had done for the colored Americans in this country he concluded his address by saying that he would have to be consistent, that he was for W. Calvin Chase for delegate, and the ovation given Attorney Scott was a surprise to the Horner and Flathers supporters. The meeting was turned into a Chase meeting by the adroit speech of Attorney Scott.

DISTRICT PRIMARIES.

It has been said that the coming District primaries will be fairly conducted. The Bee, as well as other people, see those who have charge of the primaries visiting districts and holding up Republicans and using all kinds of persuasive arguments to support candidates in which they are interested. This does not look like a fair deal is coming.

Mr. Sidney Bieber, the chairman of the Election Committee, has declared that every set of delegates will be permitted to have one judge of his own selection in the booths. If this is done then the candidates will be satisfied. This will give the appearance of fairness, at any rate. Don't forget March 18th. Prof. Booker T. Washington will lecture at the Metropolitan Church.

Attorney George F. Collins will make a protest to the National Committee.

Look out for fraud in the coming election for delegates.

The address of Attorney Scott at the Republican meeting in South Washington Monday night carried the house.

PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

By Miss Beatriz L. Chase.

Two Chinamen were hanged last Tuesday in Philadelphia, Pa., for the murder of two of their countrymen.

The indications are that Washington got the new Union Station before it was ready.

Many of the residents are having considerable trouble in the transmission of their letters.

The National Capital is like a surging sea, never at rest.

It took twenty-five minutes to introduce and pass a bill in the Senate last Tuesday by which the Secretary of War was instructed to give a deed to certain property to Sidney Bieber.

The Commissioners do not favor a bill for absolute prohibition, but favor high license and stricter saloon regulations.

It is said that the Weather Bureau officials are "receiving a number of long-range weather predictions."

Mr. Ralph Qualls, of Dayton, has arrived in this city to fill a position in the Government service.

The country recognizes in Mr. J. A. Lankford merit and ability as an architect and prize him for that, and not for the color of his skin. We need more skill and ability and less "Negro," and first-class workmen will always be employed.

The Dayton Observer says "You should read The Bee of Washington, D. C., issued February 29th."

Mr. W. P. Dabney, the editor of the Union, Cincinnati, has been appointed to the position of Assistant Paymaster at Cincinnati. A banquet in his honor was given by the citizens on the 2nd instant.

It is said that a monument in the memory of George Dixon will be erected by sporting men of the country, and unveiled Memorial Day.

The labor leaders insist on having a practical printer as the head of the Government Printing Office.

The Commissioners gave a public hearing yesterday on the Sunday observance in the District of Columbia in order to get the sentiment of the people residing here.

There is still considerable interest being manifested in the revival at the Cosmopolitan Temple Baptist Church.

The reports from the supervising principals include recommendations for changes and repairs in many of the school buildings of the District.

Dr. S. A. Knopf, of New York, has entered suit for \$100,000 against the Philadelphia North American for alleged misquotation.

The trial of Albert Brown, nineteen years old, convicted of murdering his brother, was begun last Tuesday in Criminal Court No. 1.

Mr. J. C. Napier, according to reports, believes if Mr. Taft is made president he will influence the Southern sentiment.

Bishop Goodsell will preside over the Annual Conference of the M. E. Church which is to meet on the 25th instant in the Metropolitan Church, Baltimore. Quite a number of applicants desire to join the Conference.

It is said that Chancellor Heiskell has issued an order in Memphis, Tenn., prohibiting the colored Elks of that city from styling themselves as Benevolent Protective Order of Elks or the use of the name "Elks" or other emblems used by the fair-skinned members of the Order.

It is stated that Prof. W. G. Hynes will solicit funds for the Roger Williams University.

It is unofficially stated that the Czar has commuted the death sentence imposed on General Stoessel, for surrendering Port Arthur, to ten years' imprisonment in a fortress.

The Senate District Committee is to inquire as to the safety of the public and private school buildings of the District of Columbia.

M. Ransdell, of Louisiana, has introduced a bill to create a new executive Department of Transportation and Public Works.

Jason Brown, the oldest and only living son of the famous John Brown, celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday anniversary at his home last week near Akron, Ohio.

A prohibition mass meeting was held last Sunday afternoon at the Mount Vernon Place Methodist Episcopal Church.

Jan Kubelik, after being away from this city for seven years, gave a violin recital at the Columbia theater last Sunday night. The theater Continued on Page 4.